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c. Active efforts by OSI for the collection of so-called "collateral" data (letters from listeners, etc.) be given up, since this type of data does not contribute materially to estimates of broadcast reception, and its collection is difficult and time consuming to administer.

d. As soon as feasible, OSI give up IBM collation of data from peripheral monitors since norms of reception have been well established in Europe. For the USSR, OSI should continue to maintain the

limitations of such data, particularly with respect to the USSR and China. Comprehensive collation of this data is no longer required with respect to the European satellites, and makes only a marginal contribution to estimates concerning the USSR and China. The broadcasters may well wish to continue peripheral monitoring for operational purposes; if so, special reports from such monitors will be of value in recognizing and identifying significant changes in established broadcast reception norms.

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and that the basic problems previously reported remained unresolved. Mr. Sturges also assisted in the interrogation of a source at Camp King.

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PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES:

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No problems or difficulties were encountered during this travel. The Consulate General [redacted] was most helpful in assisting and arranging housekeeping details for the Seminar.

CONCLUSIONS:

No conclusions were made.

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1) active efforts by the United States to collect "collateral" data (not necessarily of direct value) to assist this type of work and to assist in the collection of broadcast reception data. This collection is difficult and this country is not alone.

2) as soon as feasible, and given the collection of data from peripheral sources (not necessarily of direct value) will be established in certain areas. Experience of the past four years has given the importance of such data, particularly with respect to the USSR and other countries. Collection of this data is to leave no doubt as to the importance of this data, and hence only a limited collection to establish ownership of the data and other data. The United States will wish to continue personnel and working for operational purposes; if so, special reports from such sources will be of value in recognizing and identifying conditions changes in established broadcast reception system.

3. With respect to a decision to be made by the end of this year in Munich, it is recommended that the views of the USSR, USA, and others be obtained in the spring of 1977, and a decision be made at that time in the light of then existing problems and desires.

To focus attention
on internal
collection aspects

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not agree with this recommendation. In view of the acknowledged usefulness of the seminar in the USSR, both in the area of collection and in the area of collection to the USSR.